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SUPPLY OF KVIC PRODUCTS TO RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has received any order from the Indian Railways for supplying linen,uniforms,upholstery and Kulhars etc.;

(b) if so, the details and quantity of each item ordered and quality standards,if any,prescribed by the Indian Railways therefor;

(c) whether KVIC has the capacity to deliver the ordered products in terms of quality standards and quantity ordered;

(d) if so, the details thereof;and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES(SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a) & (b): Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has been receiving orders for supplying khadi items, polyvastra bed sheets and pillow covers, VI products and Khullhars etc. to the Indian Railways from time to time.However, KVIC does not execute these orders directly but these are executed through various khadi and village industry institutions under its purview.The details of the items supplied during the last three years and the current year (upto September 2008) are given below:

Sr. No.	Item	Amount (Rs. in crores) 2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1	Khadi items	15.32	16.09	18.50	-
2	Polyvastra Bedsheets, Pillow covers etc.	2.06	6.78	7.93	4.95
3	VI Products	1.76	1.45	-	
4	Kulhars	0.15	0.16	0.72	-
	Total	19.29	24.48	27.15	4.95

Figures upto September 2008 only.

Some of the quality standards are
(i) blend of polyester and cotton to be in the ratio of 67: 33,
(ii) thread/dm of warp and wept 260% and 190% respectively,
(iii) width 70 c.m.,
(iv) crease recovery ankle after three repeated washing at 240, and

(vi) colour fastness.

(c) & (d): KVIC is not engaged in direct production/supply of the items and such production/supply are effected through its aided institutions which have sufficient infrastructure to supply goods as per specification made by Railways.These institutions are being encouraged by KVIC for Government supply,as well as to produce items as per the standard specified under ISI.

(e): Does not arise.